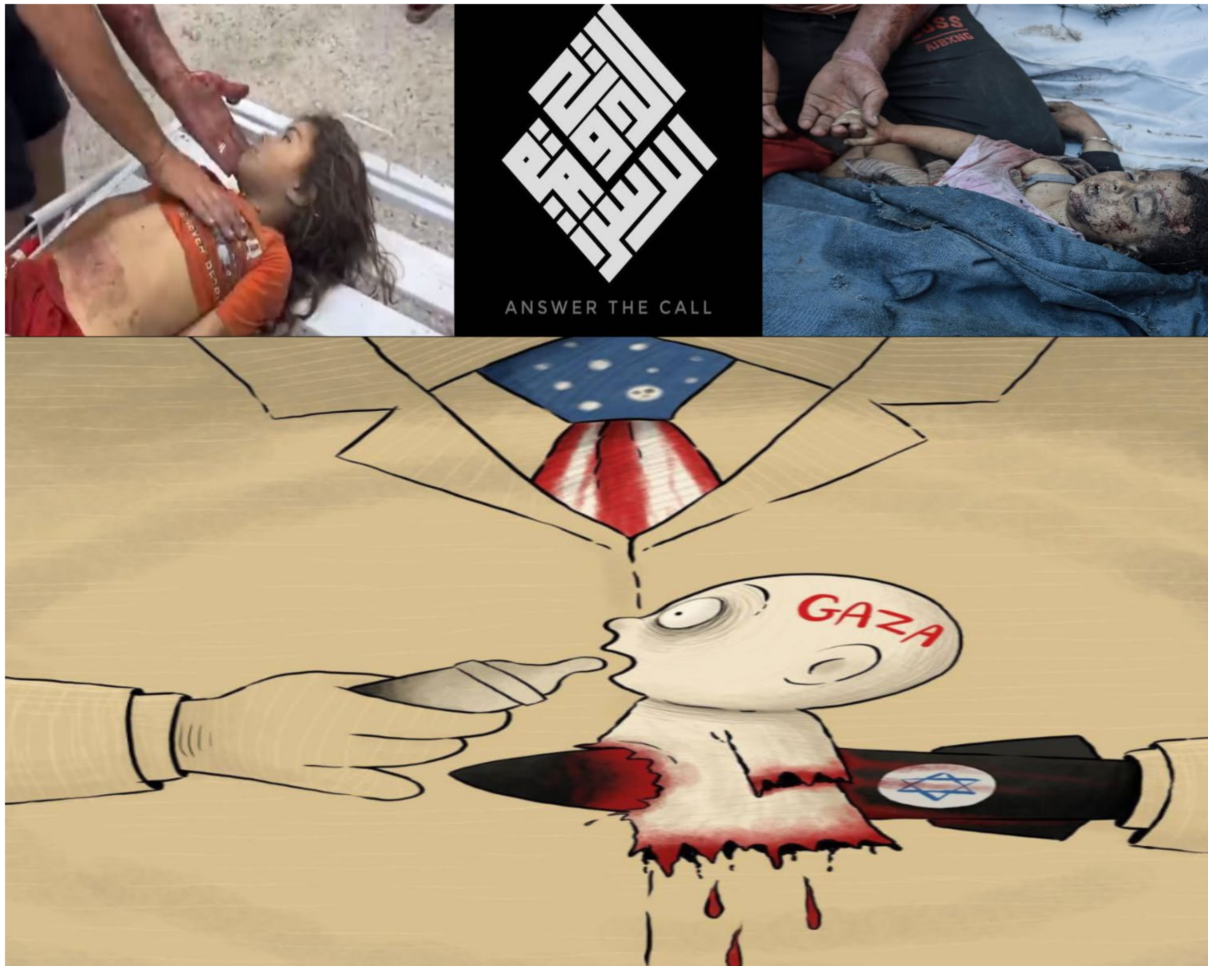


JEWS MOST HOSTILE TO MUSLIMS

Allah (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى) said:

لَتَجِدَنَّ أَشَدَّ ٱلنَّاسِ عَدَٰوَةً لِّلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا۟ ٱلْيَهُودَ وَٱلَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا۟ ۖ

"You will surely find the most intense of the people in animosity toward the believers [to be] the Jews and those who associate others with Allah.

(Surah Al-Ma'idah 5:82)

Al-Tabari (رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ) said:

"The Jews' enmity stemmed from their rejection of Muhammad (ﷺ) despite recognizing him in their scriptures (Deut. 18:18) ***. Their scholars (rabbis) refused to accept him out of pride."

(Jami' al-Bayan, 10/528)

"I will raise up for them ***A PROPHET LIKE YOU [MOSES] FROM AMONG THEIR FELLOW ISRAELITES, and I will ***PUT MY WORDS IN HIS MOUTH***. He will tell them everything I command him."

(Deuteronomy 18:18)

"A Prophet Like Moses"

Both Moses and Muhammad (ﷺ) Were, law-giving prophets.

(Torah for Moses, Quran for Muhammad)

Jesus (Isa) in Christianity did not bring a new law but upheld the Torah.

(Matthew 5:17-18)

"From Among Their Brethren"

The "brethren" of the Israelites were the Ishmaelites

(Arabs, descendants of Ishmael, Moses' half-brother).

Muhammad (ﷺ) was an Arab descendant of Ishmael, fulfilling ***"among their brethren."***

Jesus was from the tribe of Judah (Israelites), not their "brethren.

"Put My Words in His Mouth"

The Quran was revealed verbatim to Muhammad (ﷺ) through Angel Jibril (Gabriel), matching this description.

The Quran confirms,

"Those who follow the Messenger, the unlettered prophet, whom they find written in what they have of the Torah and the Gospel..."

(Surah Al-A‘raf 7:157)

This verse states that Muhammad (ﷺ) was prophesied in previous scriptures. describing Muhammad as the unlettered Prophet they find mentioned in the Torah and the Gospel."***

Ibn Taymiyyah (رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ) said:

"The Jews are the most hostile people to the believers, and they conspire against Islam and its followers whenever they find an opportunity."

(Iqtidā’ al-Ṣirāṭ al-Mustaqīm Vol 1, Page 162)

Rules for Interaction:

Allah (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى) said:

"Fight those who do not believe in Allah or the Last Day, nor comply with what Allah and His Messenger have forbidden, nor embrace the religion of truth from among those who were given the Scripture, until they pay the jizyah willingly while humbled."

(Surah At Tawbah 9:29)

(قَاتِلُوا الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ)

Fight those who do not believe..."

Ibn Kathir (رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّٰهُ) said,

"This refers to the People of the Book (Jews & Christians) who rejected Islam and fought against the Muslims."

(Tafsir Ibn Kathir)

Revealed during the Tabuk Expedition (9 AH) when the Byzantines mobilized against Muslims.

Al-Tabari (رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّٰهُ) said,

"The command is specific to those who broke treaties (Like today's term ceasefire) and initiated hostility."

(Jami' al-Bayan)

Right to Resume Fighting if Terms Are Violated:

"If the enemy shows treachery, Muslims are released from treaty obligations, as in the case of Banu Qurayzah."

(Tafsir Al-Qurtubi, Vol 5, Page 265)

"Whoever breaks a confirmed peace treaty without justification is sinful, as this constitutes treachery (ghadr) which the Prophet (ﷺ) prohibited."

(Al-Shafi'i al-Umm, Vol 4, Page 183)

Al-Mawardi (رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّٰهُ) said,

"Three conditions nullify treaties: (a) enemy attack, (b) their alliance with combatants against Muslims, or (c) their refusal to pay agreed jizyah."

(al-Ahkam al-Sultaniyyah, Page 61)

Hadith About Jewish Hostility:

Narrated by Abu Huraira (رضي الله عنه) that,

"The Hour will not come until the Muslims fight the Jews, and the Jews will hide behind stones and trees. Then the stones and trees will say, ‘O Muslim, O servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me—come and kill him!’ Except for the gharqad tree (a thorny tree used by Jews for defence)."

(Sahih Bukhari 2926)

Narrated by Abdullah ibn Umar (رضي الله عنه) that,

"You (Muslims) will fight the Jews until some of them hide behind rocks. The rocks will say, ‘O servant of Allah, here is a Jew behind me—kill him!’"
(Sahih Bukhari 2926 & Sahih Muslim 2922)

Hadith About Social Boundaries:

Narrated by Abu Huraira (رضي الله عنه) that,

"Do not initiate greetings with Jews and Christians. If you meet them on the road, push them to the narrowest part."

(Sahih Muslim 2167)

Narrated by Abu Sa’id al-Khudri (رضي الله عنه) that,

"The Jews were divided into 71 sects, the Christians into 72, and my Ummah will divide into 73 sects—all in Hell except one."

(Sahih Bukhari 3456)

How to respond to insults:

Narrated by Abu Huraira (رضي الله عنه) that,

"If a Jew greets you with ‘As-samu ‘alaykum’ (death upon you), reply with ‘Wa ‘alaykum’ (and upon you)."

(Sahih Muslim 2669)

The Prophet (ﷺ) warned against blindly imitating Jews/Christians.

"You will follow the ways of those before you, span by span, cubit by cubit, until even if they entered a lizard’s hole, you would follow them."

(Sahih Muslim 1767)

Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya (14th Century, Student of Ibn Taymiyyah) Said,

"If a Jew insults the Prophet (ﷺ), he is no longer protected and must be punished—either by death or expulsion."

(Ahkam Ahl al-Dhimmah)

On Jews (Ahl al-Kitāb):

Ibn Taymiyyah (رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّٰهُ) said,

"The Jews altered the Book of Allah, distorted its meanings, and concealed what they were commanded to reveal. They denied the truth when it came to them out of envy, even though they recognized it as they recognize their own sons."

(Al-Jawab al-Sahih li-man baddala Din al-Masīḥ Vol 4, Page 121)

Ibn Taymiyyah (رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّٰهُ) said,

"It is obligatory to distinguish the People of the Book (Jews and Christians) from the Muslims in their dress, so that they are known and do not resemble the Muslims. This is part of humbling them under the rule of Islam."

(Majmūʿ al-Fatāwā Vol 28, Page 637)

Ibn Taymiyyah (رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّٰهُ) said,

"If a Jew insults the Prophet (peace be upon him), he must be killed and not accepted for jizya."

(Al-Ṣārim al-Maslūl ʿalā Shātim al-Rasul, Page 568)